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WEEK IN REVIEW – HAMMOND

Hammond, Indiana- The United States Attorney's Office announced the following:

PLEAS:

- Alan Goings, 34, of Crown Point, Indiana, pled guilty before Judge Rudy Lozano to the felony offense of making false statements for the purpose of obtaining a mortgage loan. These charges were filed as the result of an investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Sentencing has been set for 3/9/12. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Susan Collins.
- Daniel Wilson, 50, of Chicago, Illinois, pled guilty before Chief Judge Philip Simon to the felony offenses of attempt and conspiracy to commit fraud with identification documents and fraud with identification documents. Sentencing has been set for 3/22/12. These charges were filed as the result of an investigation by the United States Postal Inspection Service. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Toi Houston.

The specific sentence in each case to be imposed upon conviction will be determined by the judge after a consideration of federal sentencing statutes and the Federal Sentencing Guidelines.

DISPOSITIONS:

- Isaiah Chase, 21, of Hammond, Indiana, was sentenced by Judge Joseph Van Bokkelen to 84 months imprisonment and 2 years of supervised release after pleading guilty to the felony offense of carrying a firearm during the commission of a drug trafficking crime and a crime of violence in the case *US v Stokes et al.* This case was the result of an investigation by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives and the

Hammond Police Department. This case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorneys David Nozick and Dean Lanter.

- Munir Chaudhry, 65, of Oakbrook Terrace, Illinois, was sentenced by Judge Rudy Lozano to 27 months imprisonment and 2 years of supervised release after pleading guilty to the felony offenses of conspiracy to defraud the United States, payment of kickbacks, and health care fraud in the case *US v Yaniz et al.* This case was the result of an investigation by the Drug Enforcement Administration, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Food and Drug Administration, and the Indiana Attorney General – Medicaid Fraud Control Unit. Timothy. This case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Diane Berkowitz.
- John Skomac, Jr., 28, of LaPorte, Indiana, was sentenced by Judge Robert Miller, Jr. to 46 months imprisonment, \$22,000 in restitution, and 3 years of supervised release after pleading guilty to the felony offense of being a felon in possession of a firearm. This case was the result of an investigation by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives and the LaPorte County Sheriff's Department. This case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney John Maciejczyk.
- Eric Duhack, 25, of Cedar Lake, Indiana, was sentenced by Judge Joseph Van Bokkelen to 37 months imprisonment and 3 years of supervised release after pleading guilty to the felony offense of being a felon in possession of a firearm.). In March 2011, the ATF executed a search warrant on Duhack's residence and recovered one 5.56 millimeter, semi-automatic rifle, two nine millimeter semi-automatic pistols, three twelve gauge shotguns, one twenty gauge shotgun, over 800 rounds of ammunition, seven firearm magazines including three 30-round extended magazines, and three holsters. In addition, the ATF recovered a small amount of marijuana. Duhack has four prior felony convictions, including two robbery convictions, one attempted robbery conviction, and one federal felony conviction for making false statements in connection with the purchase of a firearm. This case was the result of an investigation by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives and the Cedar Lake Police Department. This case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Dean Lanter.